

## *Bibliography (Partial)*

Here is a partial bibliography (these three are the meat of my research):

### **Corregidor: Saga of a Fortress**

J.H. & W.M. Belote, Harper & Row, 1967, ISBN: 0060102810

This is the book which inspired the game. I was fascinated by the account and by what initially seemed to be intricate detail. When designing the game, though I found the book very helpful it was missing numerous details which I had to seek elsewhere. The majority of the book covers Corregidor and the Manila Bay fortifications from the time of the U.S. acquisition in the Spanish-American War (1898), through their development, and ultimately their trial of fire during the early months of World War II in the Pacific. The 1945 battle is also covered but much more briefly.

*"I first read this book as a 7th grade student in 1972, and it made a very deep impression on me. The human story of this tragedy is vividly portrayed by the authors. The technical side of coast defense artillery, while somewhat sparsely treated, is none the less quite informative. As I read my newly aquired [sic] copy now, over fifty years after the events, I still feel for the men and women of Bataan and the Fortified Islands as the authors and the nation must have felt in those dark days of early 1942. All the mistakes made in the planning and construction of the defenses, in the planning and execution of the war plans can still make your blood boil and cause you to mutter phrases like "the fools!" and "those poor bastards!". The bravery of the men and women under fire and extreme conditons [sic] is still an inspiration to all people. This book is a powerful testimony to the price of freedom and liberty, and a warning about the perils of refusing to prepare adequately to meet the needs of national defense, a lesson the military [sic] leadership, their Executive branch overseers and their Congressional paymasters have yet to learn."*

Customer review posted at Amazon.com

### **Corregidor: The Rock Force Assault**

Gen. E.M. Flanagan Jr., Presidio Press, 1998, ISBN: 0891416595

A sort of mirror image of the Belote brothers' book, this one sketches Fortress Corregidor's beginnings and the earlier World War II fighting there, then describes the 503<sup>rd</sup> Parachute Infantry's war experience prior to February, 1945 and details the planning for the recapture of Corregidor. This volume also provides much information for a game designer but is lacking in some pertinent details and information. A very good book about the 1945 battle.

*"The book begins with the story of the conquest of the Philippines by American Forces in 1898 during the Spanish American War. It then continues with the military fortifications of the island during the American Administration. The Japanese conquest of the Philippines culminating in the Fall of Bataan and Corregidor in 1942 set the stage for the American reconquest.*

*Flanagan does an excellent job of introducing the reader to the assault forces, the 503d Parachute Regimental Combat Team and the 3rd Battalion Combat Team of the 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Division. We become familiar with the preparations of the 503d in the U. S., Australia and in its jumps at Nadzab in New Guinea and onto Noemfoor Island.*

*With the invasion of the Philippines proceeding successfully the hour for the redemption of American honor at Corregidor arrived. The small available drop zones on the island made the airborne assault most unlikely and, therefore, a total surprise to the Japanese defenders. Flanagan takes the reader through the challenges met by the assault force, the means of attack by air, sea and land, the Japanese resistance and the descriptions of the ambient conditions which add to the hellish atmosphere of war. The fanatical Japanese resistance captures our amazement while the cave by cave extermination of the enemy brings to mind contemporary reports form Afghanistan.*

*The emotional climax of the book is Gen. MacArthur's triumphant return to Corregidor, by PT boat, just as he left three years before, during which he orders: "I see the old flag pole still stands. Have your troops hoist the colors to its peak and let no emery ever haul them down."*

James Gallen, at Amazon.com

*"The two-week battle for Corregidor was complicated by the Americans' gross underestimation of enemy strength: expecting a few hundred demoralized defenders, they encountered more than 6000 Japanese soldiers and marines deployed in tunnels and caves, every man dedicated to the Bushido code that dictated a fight to the death. As the dust was settling, MacArthur himself came ashore and was met by the commander of the victorious U.S. Army troops. "Sir," said Col. George Jones, "I present to you the Fortress Corregidor" a stirring conclusion to a dramatic and well-told story."*

Publisher's Weekly editorial review posted at Amazon.com

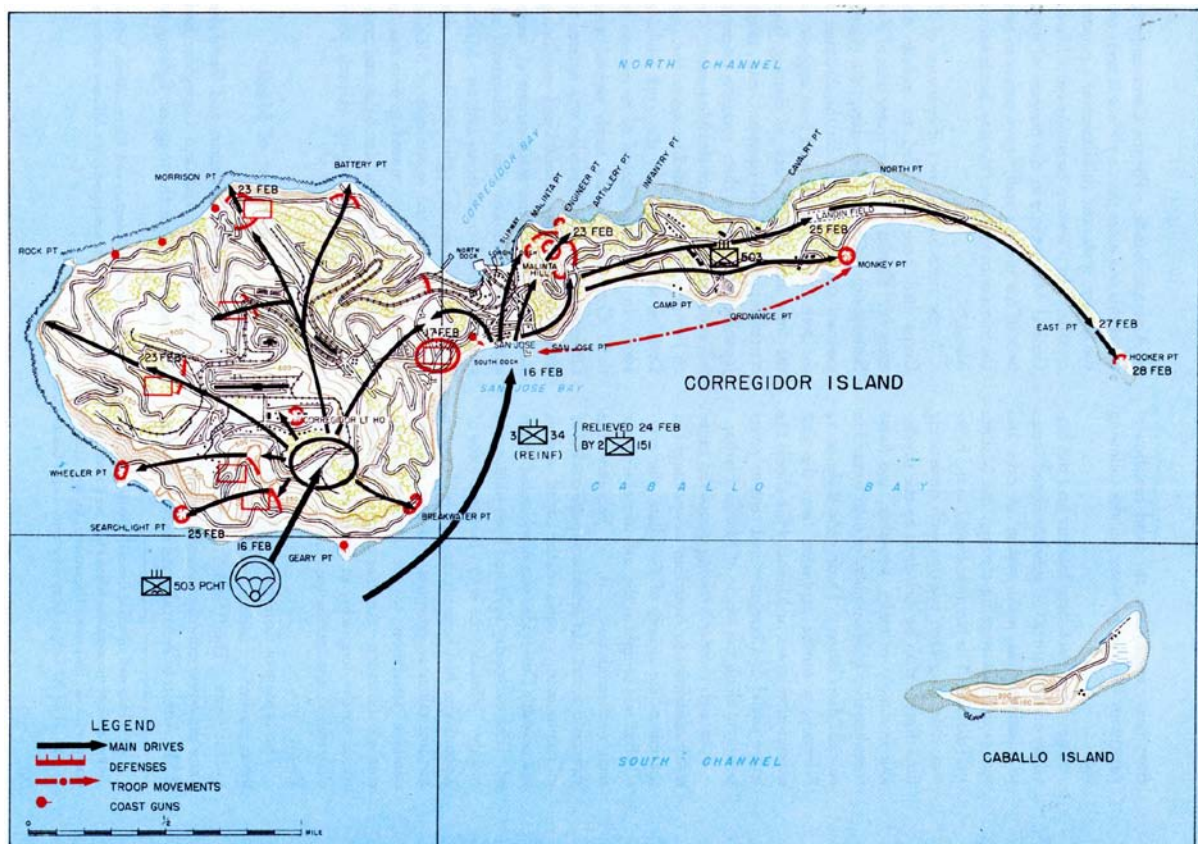
### American Defenses of Corregidor and Manila Bay 1898-1945

T.C. McGovern & M.A. Berhow, illustrated by C. Taylor, Osprey Publishing, 2003, ISBN: 1841764272

I really like this book because it has fascinating pictures and drawings of the islands and especially of the fortifications - the coastal defense gun batteries which were the heart of the Manila Bay defenses. Lots of technical information on battery location, weapon ranges and fields of fire, and other juicy tidbits which filled in many of the gaps I found in the two excellent books referenced above.

*"...Graphically, this volume is quite appealing. There are five 2-D maps (the Manila Bay environs, the defenses of Manila Bay in 1941, a strategic map in December 1941, the Japanese assault on Corregidor, the American recapture of Corregidor) and two very nice 3-D maps (Corregidor island and Carabao Island). ... The artwork is also excellent and includes cut-away diagrams of Battery Cheney, Fort Drum as well as depictions of Battery Smith in action, Battery Gillespie, and the destruction of Battery Geary. The authors provide a bibliography and two appendices (American coast artillery weapons and a list of batteries around Manila Bay). In sum, this volume is very good in areas that the authors have chosen to emphasize, but it is noticeably lacking in areas that they found less interesting..."*

Review by R.A. Forczyk at Amazon.com



*Recapture of Corregidor, 1945*